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1. [redacted] the following coal stocks, expressed in daily requirements, were available to the GDR railroads between 19 and 28 July 1955: 25X1

Railroad District	Date in July 19	20	21	22	23/24	25	26	27	28
Berlin	9,0	8,2	7,3	6,5	5,9	5,7	5,7	5,2	4,8
Cottbus	7,3	6,9	6,3	6,1	5,6	5,4	5,0	4,4	3,9
Dresden	9,1	8,2	7,9	7,6	6,8	6,7	6,3	5,8	5,2
Erfurt	8,7	8,2	7,2	7,7	8,0	7,8	7,5	7,5	7,4
Greifswald	9,0	9,6	8,5	8,2	6,7	6,6	6,4	6,3	5,9
Halle	7,0	6,7	6,3	6,0	5,7	5,3	5,0	4,8	4,7
Magdeburg	11,5	11,0	11,3	11,4	10,9	10,7	9,9	9,8	9,3
Schwerin	9,3	9,7	9,7	9,5	8,7	9,0	8,4	8,0	8,2
Total	8,8	8,4	8,0	7,7	7,2	7,0	6,7	6,4	6,0

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2. [redacted] the following coal stocks, expressed in tons, were available to the GDR railroads between 19 and 28 July 1955:

Date in July	Coal for Locomotives: Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	Raw Brown Coal	Shop Coal: Brown Coal Briquettes	Raw Brown Coal
19	76,160	49,335	10,833	23,236	20,931
20	73,076	49,240	10,859	23,621	21,226
21	70,665	48,172	11,254	23,624	21,237
22	68,180	46,905	11,225	23,704	21,032

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23/24	63,212	43,850	11,504	24,135	21,237
25	60,707	43,170	11,833	24,185	21,511
26	58,432	41,679	11,469	24,376	21,576
27	56,193	39,952	11,585	24,403	21,553
28	54,157	39,199	10,798	24,211	21,528

3. Between 19 and 28 July, the following amounts of coal were daily consumed by locomotives:

Date in July	Tons (Briquettes Units) (BU)
19	20,391
20	20,182
21	20,237
22	20,518
23/24	40,071
25	20,302
26	20,843
27	20,756
28	21,256

1. [redacted] Comment. While the highest point since late 1953, 9.8 day's requirements, was reached on 4 July 1955, railroad coal stocks decreased afterwards to less than 8 day's requirements. This decrease was probably connected with lower imports of Polish hard coal. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The hard coal proportion of total coal stocks, which previously was 68 percent, decreased to 65 percent on 28 July. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The daily coal consumption (20,000 to 21,000 tons) remained about constant. 25X1

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